

CHINA, Yachow, Szechuan Province. Mr. E. T. Sheed, May 4. Says they have three varieties of oranges there, a mandarin (loose-skinned), one like the Florida or California tight-skinned, seeded variety, and an orange with a slightly bitter twang. Says he prefers the latter to either of the others. It is of medium size and very juicy and rough-skinned. Is grown only in one place near there. They have many wild berries. There is a large yellow raspberry growing in the mountains that is particularly delicious. It has no thorns but is very hairy. He will send seeds and plants from there.

EGYPT, Port Said. Mr. O. F. Cook, June 17. Thinks *Eucommia ulmoides* worth experimenting with to determine the value of the gum it contains. Thinks we ought to try a series of experiments with *Ficus elastica* in the irrigated districts of the Southwest. *Ficus nitida* in Egypt is much like *F. elastica*. Thinks all the desirable trees of Egypt would grow in the Southwest. If excluded it would be by heat, rather than cold.

FRANCE, Marseilles. Director of the Colonial Museum, June 8. Offers to send tubers of wild species of *Solanum commersonii* and *S. Maglia*.

GERMANY, Hamburg. Mr. Robert P. Skinner, American Consul General, June 17. Sends a report on Morocco gum and its applications.

INDIA, Amritsar. Mr. Theo. C. Maller, May 25. Says mangos are propagated there solely by grafting. Says that banana blight is a disease unknown in India.

JAPAN, Kobe. Mr. Walter Gassett, Vice Consul in Charge at Kobe, has sent a very complete report in regard to the Kudzu vine (*Pueraria thunbergiana*), a valuable fiber plant of Japan, giving its location, uses, methods of preparation, etc. It is used for fodder, for the making of a grass cloth wall paper, in the making of baskets and rope, and starch is made from the roots. A copy of the report will be sent to any one wishing further details.

MEXICO. Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, Systematic Agrostologist of the Bureau of Plant Industry, is travelling in Mexico. He will go from Laredo to Mexico City and return by way of El Paso, with side trips, if possible, to Jalapa, Orizaba, Oaxaca, Guadalajara and Durango.

PRETORIA, Transvaal. Prof. J. Burtt-Davy of the Transvaal Department of Agriculture sends a colored plate and description of the Kafir plum (*Ximenia caffra*), which he sent us